

NORTH AMERICAN AEROSPACE DEFENSE COMMAND And UNITED STATES NORTHERN COMMAND Biography



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Major General Paul J. Sullivan is Chief of Staff of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

NORAD is a binational - Canada and United States - command. As the NORAD Chief of Staff, he directs a joint staff to coordinate command responsibilities for Aerospace Warning for North America and Attack Assessment and Aerospace Control for North America. As the USNORTHCOM Chief of Staff, he directs a joint staff to deter, prevent and defeat threats and aggression aimed at the United States and its territories and interests within USNORTHCOM's assigned areas of responsibility. Additional duties involve coordinating and directing defense support of civil authorities, including civil support and consequence management operations when authorized by the President of the United States or the Secretary of Defense.

General Sullivan was commissioned through Officer Candidate School in 1970. He earned his pilot wings from Craig Air Force Base, Ala., and served in numerous flying positions, including instructor pilot and operations officer. He went on to serve as the Director of Operations and Chief of Staff for Headquarters Ohio Air National Guard, Columbus, Ohio.

Prior to his current assignment, which he assumed May 3, 2005, General Sullivan served as the Director of the Joint Staff, National Guard Bureau, Arlington, Va. While fulfilling the duties as Director, he assumed new duties and responsibilities that supported the Bureau's transformation into a joint headquarters. Prior to this assignment, General Sullivan was the Assistant Adjutant General for

the Ohio Air National Guard, where he steered the development of an integrated planning process by integrating the Air National Guard's long-range and strategic plans with state and unit planning efforts.

General Sullivan has twice served as acting Deputy Director of the Air National Guard and, following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, assumed the additional duty of Senior Director of the Air National Guard Crisis Action Team. He also served as Deputy Commander Air Forces, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces Europe for a two-month period during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, Combat Readiness Medal with silver oak leaf cluster, National Defense Service Medal with two bronze stars, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with one silver and two bronze oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with silver hourglass device, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon and Air Force Training Ribbon. He is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft.

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